

Curriculum for Excellence

What are we learning in Primary 3?

Cross-curricular theme(s): Scotland; Seasons; Fairtrade; and Rights Respecting Schools

Literacy and English

Phonics (spelling)

As a school, we are teaching spelling through a scheme called South Ayrshire Reads. We will focus on a new phoneme sound each week and will be consolidated through homework tasks. More information can be found here:

SAC South Ayrshire Reads Strategy 2023 V.1.pdf (south-ayrshire, av.uk)

Reading

In reading, we will continue exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts in class. We are also reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl as a class as part of our cross-curricular topic. We will continue to practise reading comprehension

strategies, exploring a range of short burst texts to challenge pupils in their Literacy.

Writing

In writing, P3 will learn about different genres including narrative, persuasive, functional, personal and poetry within a range of contexts. Pupils will also have the opportunity to learn and practise writing in line with their topic. (Article 17; 28; 29 and 30).

Social Studies

Our topics for Term 1 and 2 are Fairtrade, Rights
Respecting Schools and
Seasons. Pupils will cover a range of areas in the above topics to cover a rich learning experience as well as having opportunities to share personal knowledge.

(Article 28; 29; 37 and 38).

Health and Wellbeing

Mental, Social & Emotional Wellbeing

For Health and Wellbeing, P3
have been focussing on our
class charter, promoting positive behaviour,
growth mindset and Rights Respecting
Schools articles. Going forward, we will
explore a key concept of SHANARRI each
month. SHANARRI stands for Safe,
Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active,
Respected, Responsible and Included.
(Article 13; Article 15; Article 28; Article
42).

PF

P.E. is every **Wednesday** and **Friday**.
Our weekly P.E. lessons will focus ball games and team building games this term.
(Article 28; Article 29).

Religious and Moral Education

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As we move into autumn, we are preparing to celebrate the season of Harvest. This is a special time to give thanks for the food we have, the farmers who grow it, and the importance of sharing with others. Harvest is not only about fruit and vegetables, but also about kindness, community and looking after one another. As we approach Term 2, we will have a big focus on learning about Christianity and the Story of Christmas. (Article 28; Article 30).

Class: P3 (Term 1 & 2)

Session: 2025 - 2026





Numeracy and Mathematics

Numeracy

We are continuing to implement the whole-school Numeracy programme called "Big Maths". The pupils are engaging very well with the programme and enjoy the structure of practising various numeracy skills. Primary 3 will focus on using a range of strategies independently to aid their understanding of calculations and problem solving. Mrs Caird will also lead a weekly numeracy 'boost' lesson to consolidate our learning.

Mathematics

In our wider maths, we will be expanding our learning in a range of areas, including Place Value, Shape, Fractions, Time, Measure, Multiplication and Division.

(Article 28 and 29).

Technologies

We will be using iPads and laptops on a regular basis to support our learning across the curriculum. In Primary 3, there will be an ongoing focus on internet safety, typing skills, and digital presentation media. (Article 13; 17; 28 and 29).

Sciences

Our science curriculum will be covered in a later term.
Throughout the year, we are looking forward to exploring Marine and Coast Wildlife and Habitats. We will also have a focus on recycling.
(Article 28; 29).

Expressive Arts

P3 will have the opportunity to complete a variety of artwork based around annual events such as Seasons, Halloween, Guy Fawkes, and Christmas. Our topics this term will also provide a range of opportunities to explore expressive arts and crafts. (Article 13: Article 28: Article 29).

Additional Information:

P.E.: Every Wednesday and Monday. Pupils are required to get changed into a P.E. kit for lessons, therefore, we remind pupils to come prepared with appropriate clothing to change into for P.E.

Mrs Caird: Teaches Numeracy and Maths, and Languages every Tuesday.

Lunches: School dinners can be ordered and purchased from the kitchen - a maximum of two choices should be ordered. Pupils are allowed to bring in their own snack and packed lunch.

Books: We encourage pupils to bring in a reading book of their choice to school to promote reading for enjoyment and challenge. Pupils also have their books from the Library Van in school as chosen by them.

If you have any questions, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

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